



Epsilon Eta Chapter Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome to a new year and new ways to be involved in STTI Epsilon Eta Chapter!

Epsilon Eta works to achieve the STTI Vision 2020 goals, and opportunities abound for you. To support our efforts to keep STTI as the premium source for nursing knowledge, attend the Annual Epsilon Eta Chapter meeting on February 21. Be sure to vote for new officers as listed on p. 8. In addition, don't miss your opportunity to vote in upcoming local, state, and national primaries. Epsilon Eta is proud to co-sponsor the AMSN Certification review course listed on page 2. For your future leadership development, consider attending the Sigma Theta Tau International Leadership Academy in Indianapolis on September 25 – 27, 2008. This two-day educational experience offers nurse leaders and honor society chapter officers an opportunity to enhance leadership skills.

To help provide relevant and meaningful activities for the local community, join the STTI Chapter Relay for Life Team; the first ever Relay for Life of SIUE will be held the night of April 25, 2008. A new member, senior James Gauen, is the captain of the team.

We continue to be intentionally global - support the Water for Africa project. Contact me about ways you can help raise funds for this project. The Pi Pi Chapter at Blessing-Rieman in Quincy, IL have joined us in this project; another Illinois chapter is hoping to be involved as well. With good luck, the board hopes to make more definite arrangements for the water source later this spring.

We continue to work on ways to be technology enabled; many of you receive this newsletter by email. If you do not, then send your email address to Christina Daniels through her electronic address: cdaniel@siue.edu. If enough members are online, you will receive newsletters, frequent updates, and a chance to vote online for new officers. Take a moment NOW to provide your valid email address. Finally, Epsilon Eta Chapter serves not only the persons from academic settings, but nurses in practice settings. If you know of a colleague who ought to be honored by membership in this organization, contact Dr. Kim White, listed below.

Best to all in the coming year! - Rhonda Comrie, RN, PhD, President, Epsilon Eta

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Upcoming Events

Southern Illinois Prairie Chapter of Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses, Anderson Hospital, and Epsilon Eta Chapter will host a ***Certification Review Course on March 31 and April 1, 2008 at Anderson Hospital.***

Annual Sigma Theta Tau Joint Dinner Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Sigma Theta Tau Joint Meeting sponsored by the Epsilon Eta Chapter of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Key note speakers: Drs. Pat Potter and Kay Gaehle

Topic: Cancer Survivorship

Date: January 28, 2007

*Place: Holiday Inn Collinsville, IL
2000 Eastport Drive*

Time: 6:30 P.M. Cocktails and Networking

Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

Presentation: To Follow

Dinner reservations at a cost of \$25 per guest payable the evening of event.

Please RSVP to Christina Daniels at 618-650-3958 by January 24th, 2008.

The Annual Sigma Theta Tau Chapter Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Sigma Theta Tau Epsilon Eta Chapter Meeting on February 21st, at Bully's Smokehouse, 1035 Century Drive, Edwardsville., IL. Networking starts at 6:00PM, dinner at 6:30PM with meeting to follow.

Dinner will be provided at a cost of \$15 per guest payable the evening of event.

Please RSVP to Christina Daniels at 618-650-3958 by February 19th, 2008.

Spring Induction 2008

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing, Epsilon Eta Chapter, will hold its annual induction of new members on Sunday, April 13, 2008, from 2:00-4:00 PM, in the Morris University Center, at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL, in the Maple/Dogwood Rooms. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Please RSVP to Christina Daniels at 618-650-3958 by April 7, 2008

Epsilon Eta Awards

The following awards will be conferred at the Spring 2008 induction ceremony:

Betty Temple Mills Award - \$50

Undergraduate student Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice Award – \$100 (current chapter member)

Graduate Student Merit Award –\$100 (chapter member who is in the graduate program)

Writing for Publication Award- \$100 (all members eligible)

To apply for an award, applications are available from Awards Chair Marguerite Riley at 650-5836 or mriley@siue.edu. Deadline for submission of application is April 7, 2008.



SIUE School of Nursing News

April 26, 2008, 5:30 p.m.—4th annual Jewels of Nursing Excellence Gala at the Four Points by Sheraton in Fairview Heights, Illinois. There will be good food, fun, camaraderie and plenty of wonderful auction items—and all for an excellent cause—to support nursing students scholarships. Ticket prices are \$50.00 per person or \$500.00 per table of 10. If you are interested in attending, feel free to contact Kris Heather for more information or to order tickets at 618-650-2551 or kheathe@siue.edu. (see attached registration form)

May 2, 2008—Graduate Student Project Presentation Day

May 9, 2007—Spring Graduate and Undergraduate Student Nursing Convocation

May 10, 2007—Spring Graduation

International Events

19th International Nursing Research Congress-Focusing on Evidence Based Practice-Singapore
Globalization of Research Through Technology

For more information, please go to <http://www.nursingsociety.org/events/congress08/abstracts/Pages/Abstracts.aspx> or call 888.634.7575 (toll-free US/Canada) or +1.317.634.8171.



Other Notable Nursing Events

**32nd Annual Midwest Nursing Research Society Conference,
March 28-31, 2008-Indianapolis, IN**

“Nursing Research: At the Cross Roads of Global Health”

For more information go to: <http://www.mnrs.org/>

**Medical-Surgical Certification Examination Review Course Local!!
March 31 and April 1, 2008-Anderson Hospital**

Southern Illinois Prairie Chapter Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses, Anderson Hospital, Kaskaskia College, and Epsilon Eta Chapter are sponsoring this two-day seminar, designed to assist you in achieving Med-Surg Certification. Principles necessary for practice, comprehensive assessment techniques, and cutting-edge therapeutics will be explored. This seminar is fun, interactive and will prepare you to pass the exam.

For more information please contact Pam Newland, pnewlan@siue.edu or Marguerite Riley, mriley@siue.edu

Did you know that there are Continuing Education opportunities on the STTI website? Some of the newest opportunities cover how to be a published author, clinical bedside practice, and nurse manager certification. Just go to <http://www.nursingsociety.org/Education/ContinuingEducation/Pages/ceonline.aspx>



Relay for Life at SIUE

For the first time at SIUE, the American Cancer Society is sponsoring a Relay for Life: A Team Event to Fight Cancer. Epsilon Eta is sponsoring a team, chaired by senior nursing student James Gauen. Depending on how many persons are interested, we may be able to have more than one team! Your support is needed – either by joining the team and walking or by supporting with donations to team members. The event will be held on Friday, April 25, 2008 on the SIUE campus with details yet to be announced. Team members take turns walking and enjoy hours of fun, food and entertainment all night long. In addition, through a beautiful Luminaria Ceremony, candles are lit in honor of those who have had cancer or are currently battling the disease. Check out the website: www.relayforlifesiue.com. Contact the team captain at jgauen@siue.edu for more information on how to be a team member. Hope to see you at the walk!

We would love to hear from you! Please provide your email address to any member of Epsilon Eta Chapter!
Let us know of any items you would like listed in the next newsletter coming out in the fall.



International Member, Cecilia Blankson-Odoro, Takoradi, Ghana

A member of Epsilon Eta since 2002, Ms. Blankson-Odoro was presented with the Innovations in Clinical Excellence Award for her project, *HIV/AIDS Pandemic: Community-Based Home Care*. Her work established Life Relief Foundations, a not for profit community based home care provider. In her stirring presentation at the STTI International Convention in Baltimore, MD, Ms. Blankson-Odoro explained how the efforts of this foundation have given care to persons near the end of life because of their disease and brought others a chance at survival and productive lives. Not one to rely on others to act, Ms. Blankson-Odoro was trained by Family AIDS Caring Trust in Zimbabwe on Community Care for HIV/AIDS. Her passion led her to seek ways and resources to support the work of the foundation. If you want to support her work, contact her at liferelief2001@yahoo.com.



Ms. Blankson-Odoro served as a delegate at the Convention, along with President Rhonda Comrie. They are pictured at the Delegate Assembly.

Marion Broome, RN, Ph.D., FAAN – Research Day Presentation

The Annual Gateway Martha Welch Research conference was held on November 13, 2007 at the Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center on the SIUE Campus. The presenter was Dr. Marion Broome, well known nursing author and University Dean and Distinguished Professor at Indiana University School of Nursing and editor of *Nursing Outlook*. About 50 Graduate nursing students and nursing faculty listened to her presentation “Publish or Perish: the Process and the Politics.” The interactive afternoon session provided an opportunity for faculty to discuss issues of publication with Dr. Broome.



Scholarly Accomplishments

The list that follows was submitted by faculty at SIUE School of Nursing. *All members* are invited to submit information for future newsletters. Send your information *now* to Pam Newland, President-elect and editor of the newsletter. E-mail to pnewlan@siue.edu

- Adkins, J. & Stanley, M. (2007). Achieving lipid goals. A study of outcomes in a NP clinic. *Advances for Nurse Practitioners*, 15(6), 61-64
- Beatty, M. (March 2008). "Human Patient Simulator Pilot Study, Poster presentation 32th Annual Midwest Nursing Research Society Convention, Indianapolis, IN.
- Comrie, R. (2007). Asthma Implementation Grant, Southern Illinois Asthma Region, IDPH. \$19,000.
- Kelly, K. (October 17, 2007). From Apathy to Action: Moving Graduate Students to Policy and Political Activism, 12th Annual Nursing and Health Professions Educator Conference, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN.
- Kelly, K. (October 22, 2007). After Sunset: The Illinois Nurse Practice Act. Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton, IL.
- Kelly, K. (2007, October 31). Restrictions to nurse practitioners writing prescriptions hurt health care ("Expert Diagnosis" column, health business feature). *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, C3.
- Kelly, K. (November 28-30, 2007). From Apathy to Action: Creating a Passion for Health Policy and Politics, Nurse Faculty-Nurse Executive Summit, Nursing Economic\$, Scottsdale, AZ (poster).
- Kelly, K. (December 14, 2007). Evidence-based Leadership. Region IV-V, Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders, Fairview Heights, IL.
- Lyerla, F. (2008). Recipient of the Nurse Educator Fellowship Award from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- Newland, P. (March 2008). "Impact of Symptoms on Quality of Life in Women with RRMS and Healthy Women. Paper presentation 32nd Midwest Nursing Research Society Research Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Popkess, A. (March 2008). Baccalaureate Nursing Students' Responses to the National Survey of Student Engagement", a pilot study. Paper presentation 32nd Midwest Nursing Research Society Research Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Sander, R. A. (In-press). Environmental influences on the person and family Bioterrorism; Assessment and health promotion for the adolescent and youth. In R. Murray & J. P. Zentner (2008). *Health promotion strategies through the life span*, 7th Edition. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.
- Siatkowski, A. A. (2007). Hispanic acculturation: A concept analysis. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 18(4), 316-323.
- Yakimo, R. (June 5, 2007). Clinical Updates in Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Conference, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and Illinois Department of Human Services, Springfield, IL. "Mental Health Issues That Accompany Physical Illness."
- Yakimo, R. (2008). Mental health promotion of the young and middle-aged adult. In M.A. Boyd (Ed.), *Psychiatric nursing: Contemporary perspectives* (4th ed.). New York: Lippincott.
- Murray, R.B., Yakimo, R., & Baier, M. (2008). Care of people who are homeless and mentally ill. In M.A. Boyd (Ed.), *Psychiatric nursing: Contemporary perspectives* (4th ed.). New York: Lippincott.

The 4th annual Jewels of Nursing Excellence Gala and Awards ceremony is being held at the Four Points by Sheraton in Fairview Heights, Illinois on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. We would love to see you there!

2008 SIUE School of Nursing Jewels of Nursing Excellence Gala & Awards

Reservation Form

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) for: _____
Name of Individual(s)
If SON alumna(nus), class year _____

Please reserve a table of ten for: _____
Name of Organization
(Please attach the list of individuals at table.)

Sorry, I cannot attend, but I'd like to contribute \$_____ to student
Scholarships. (This gift is fully deductible)

Payment: Cash Check (made payable to SIUE Foundation)

MC Visa AmEx Discover

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

\$20 of each ticket (or \$260 per table) is tax deductible; you will receive a receipt from the SIUE Foundation.

Questions? Please call Kris Heather at (618) 650-2551 or email her at kheathe@siue.edu.

Mail completed reservation form to:

SIUE School of Nursing
Attn: Kris Heather
Campus Box 1066
Edwardsville, IL 62026-1066

Introducing The Candidates

Michele Beatty - Vice President

Michele is an instructor at SIUE SON. She earned her MS in 2007 from SIUE, with a focus on nursing education. She attended St. John's College of Nursing Springfield, IL for her BSN in 1994. Her areas of specialty are adult medical-surgical and critical care and her research interests is human patient simulator/simulations. Michele is an active member of Epsilon Eta Chapter Sigma Theta Tau.

Lorraine Williams - Vice President

Lorraine is associate professor at SIUE SON. Lorraine received her PhD from SIU-Carbondale and her MS from SIUE. Her area of interest is psychiatric mental health interventions, substance abuse and AIDS. She is a member of Epsilon Eta Chapter.

Christine Durbin - Treasurer

Christine is nursing faculty at SIUE SON and director of Community Nursing Services in East St. Louis. Christine recently completed her PhD at with her dissertation: Healthcare Decision-Making in Community-Dwelling Adults . She also attended St. Louis University for a JD in 1993, MSN in 1983, and BSN, 1976. Her area of specialty is adult health and health law. She is an active member of Epsilon Eta Chapter Sigma Theta Tau, American Nurses Association, and Illinois Nurses Association.

Kay Gaehe - Treasurer

Kay is assistant professor at SIUE SON. Kay received her PhD and MSN from Saint Louis University. Her area of interest is Medical –Surgical Nursing, with emphasis on breast cancer. Kay is past president of Epsilon Eta chapter, and member of INA, MNRS, and Oncology Nursing Society.

Kelly Carey - Leadership Succession

Kelly is a Nurse Practitioner for Serenity Women's Healthcare. She received her MSN from UMSL in 2005 And certification for Women's Health Practitioner in 2005, her BSN from SIUE in 1999. She has experience Teaching OB clinical for St Louis Community College-Forest Par and Maryville University. Kelly is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Association of Women's Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing, and Association of Nurse Practitioners of Women's Health.

Kendra Henske – Leadership Succession

Kendra is an instructor at SIUE SON.

Cheryl Stout Green- Leadership Succession

Cheryl received her ASN (1976) from Belleville Area College (now Southwestern Illinois College), and both her BSN (1982) and MSN (2007) from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Her graduate studies focused on med-surgical and nursing education. Her nursing practice has spanned thirty-two years working on medial-surgical, telemetry and critical care units, as well as emergency and perioperative nursing departments. Currently, she is Clinical Instructor and Adjunct faculty for the School of Nursing at Southwestern Illinois College. Cheryl is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Illinois Nurses Association, and the Association of Peri-Operative Registered Nurses (AORN).

Sigma Theta Tau Epsilon Eta Chapter
Ballot of Elections 2008

Please check your candidate and return to Rosanne Griggs at rogrigg@siue.edu.

Vice President (2 year term)

Vote for One

Michele Beatty _____

Lorraine Williams _____

Treasurer (2 year term)

Vote for One

Christine Durbin _____

Kay Gaehle _____

Leadership Succession Committee (2 year term) Vote for Two

Kendra Henske _____

Cheryl Green _____

Kelly Cary _____

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The International Website is <http://www.nursingsociety.org/>
